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CERTIFIED - RETURN RECEIPT

Mr. Herbert S. Schlosser  
President  
National Broadcasting Company, Inc.  
Rockefeller Center  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Schlosser:

NBC is preparing a special by Abby Mann on the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. NBC has already aired a duplication of my work on the King assassination, taking credit for it.

It has been some time since I wrote Mr. Mann about this. I have had no response. Mr. Mann is in association with an odd bag of thieves and would-be thieves. He is your agent. I therefore write to put you on notice that I will do what I can to protect myself.

He has selected those who have careers of using the work of others and then defaming those whose work they steal to protect themselves.

This may seem strange to you, but as examples he is aligned with one who has a long career of this nature and has grown famous over it and another who tried to steal my work more overtly, with a meaningless contract. When he could not do this, he set about duplicating it.

Prior to NBC's airing of my work as its own, it knew better. Among the means are from my book on this subject, the only one not in accord with the official representations. When it appeared NBC refused to have anything to do with it while demanding a number of extra copies of it and receiving them at my cost. It then also refused me fairness doctrine time on this subject in which I occupied a unique position.

It seems to me you have a relatively simple means of understanding what you are doing through Mr. Mann. When I have written the only book not in accord with the official story and thereafter was James Earl Ray's investigator, Mr. Mann has not been in touch with me directly or indirectly.

I have not been able to discuss this with counsel but it seems to me a more persuasive evidence of intent is not easily conceived.

Sincerely,

HAROLD WEISBERG